(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि ये सभी सुविधाएं रोमन लिपि में पर्याप्त संख्या में उपलब्ध हैं ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो राजभाषा के विकास के लिए इस स्थिति में सुधार करने हेतु क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं या उठाये जा रहे हैं ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह) : (क) सरकार यह जानती है कि किसी भी भाषा के विकास और प्रभावी प्रयोग के लिए टेलेक्स, टेलीप्रिंटर, कम्प्यूटर आदि जैसी यांत्रिक सुविधाएं होना आवश्यक है । प्रत्येक मंत्रालय/विभाग अपनी आवश्यकता एवं साधनों के अनुरूप ये यांत्रिक सुविधाएं खरीदता है ।

(ख) यांत्रिक उपकरण, रोमन व देवनागरी दोनों लिपियों में पर्याप्त संख्या में उपलब्ध हैं ।

(ग) विभिन्न विभागों को हिदायतें जारी कर दी गई हैं कि वह टेलेक्स, टेलीप्रिंटर्स, कम्प्यूटर्स आदि द्विभाषी खरीदें ।

Projects and Equipment Corporation

*20 SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO:

PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Projects and Equipment Corporation, a subsidiary of the State Trading Corporation, is facing loss of project business; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) The Project and Equipment Corporation a subsidiary of State Trading Corporation, is engaged mainly in the export of engineering goods. In the field of projects, it collaborates with Indian associates to execute projects abroad. Contracting by Projects and Equipment Corporation for new overseas projects in the last few years has gone down. This has been mainly due to decline in export earnings of the oil producing developing countries as a result slum in oil prices, war in the Middle East and uncompetitiveness of Indian offers for supply of machinery and equipment.

Export of shrimps

1. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the quantity of shrimps exported from October, 1 1986 to January 31, 1987 alongwith the value thereof;

(b) what was the quantity exported between October 1, 1985 and January 31, 1986; and

(c) whether there was a rise/fall in its exports during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The quantity of shrimps exported from October 1, 1986 to December 31, 1986 (upto which figures are available) was 10,981 tonnes valued at Rs. 95.04 crores.

(b) The quantity exported between october 1, 1985 and January 31, 1986 was 16,270 tonnes valued at Rs 111.23 crores. The export during the period from October 1, 1985 to December 31, 1985 was 11088 tonnes valued at Rs. 78.53 crores.

(c) For the period October 1, 1986 to December 31, 1986, the shrimp exports show a marginal fall of 107 tonnes but registered an increase of Rs. 16.51 cores as against the exports during the corresponding period of the previous year.

(Source: Marine Products Export Development Authority).

Forest officers

2 SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a shortage of trained and experienced forest officer in the country:

(b) what steps are being taken to bring back forest officers who have been deputed abroad on various jobs; and

(c) what are the measures being taken to bring about better training for forest officials and instil greater sense of duty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Forest officers are deputed for assignments abroad only for limited periods at the end of which their return to India is insisted upon.

(c) A programme of compulsory training of Indian Forest Service Officers for a week every year has been initiated in 1986 The existing training programme in forestry subjects has also been reviewed.

Development of tourist Spots in West Bengal

3 DR R K PODDAR.

SHRI NARAYYAN KAR.

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Government's plan for development of tourist spots in West Bengal such as Sunderbans, Shantiniketan, Siliguri, Digha, Ayodhya Hills and similar other places;

(b) whether work has started on these spots;

(c) how much money has been allocated for the purpose; and

(d) what are the agencies entrusted with the work of implementation of the plan?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) and (c) *Sunderbans*—There are two proposals regarding floating accommodation in Sunderbans. One is an on-going scheme for which Rs. 7.00 lakhs have been sanctioned and Rs. 6.50 lakhs released and another for an amount of Rs. 85.00 lakhs is under consideration.

Shantiniketan— The State Government have forwarded a proposal for expansion of Tourist Accommodation at Shantiniketan at a cost of Rs. 49.00 lakhs. The proposal is under the consideration of the Ministry.

Siliguri—There is no proposal from the State Government for development of any spot in Siliguri.

Digha —Rupees 40.17 lakhs have been sanctioned for the construction of a Tourist Lodge and 5 cottages at Digha out of which Rs. 20.00 lakhs have been released.

Ayodhya Hills—Rupees 8.52 lakhs have been sanctioned for the the construction of 8 cottages at Ayodhya Hills, out of which Rs. 5.13 lakhs have been released.

(b) Excepting for Shantiniketan which is to be taken up in 1987-88 and the second scheme of Sunderbans, work is in progress at all the places mentioned in (a) and (c) above.

(d) The work of implementation of all the above mentioned projects is being done by the State Government agencies.

Raising of army by G.N.L.F.

4. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item published in the Amrit Bazar Patrika dated the 27th December, 1986 regarding bid to raise army by the Gorkha National Liberation Front Leaders;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The Government have noticed the news-item. However, inquiries made so far have revealed that there is nothing to corroborate the allegation.